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GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

This week I was in Northern California advocating for the stop of deportations. I hope other Cities will follow our lead in taking up the issue and calling on President Obama to stop deportations. At home we continue to work with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on funding issues related to our Family Source Centers, and in Council we approved a sidewalk memorial motion. We end the week celebrating Chinese New Year, the year of the horse.

Finally, we introduce you to yet another Team Cedillo member, the longest serving member of my team, Mel Ilomin.



Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember, District 1

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

San Francisco Resolution Asks to Stop Deportations



(Photo Credit: Nativo Lopez)

On Monday Councilmember Cedillo was in San Francisco to witness the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approval of the Cedillo resolution calling on President Obama to end the deportations of undocumented immigrants. The resolution was unanimously approved this by the 11 member board.

Sidewalk Memorials



(Photo Credit: OC Register)

On Wednesday the Los Angeles City Council approved a motion to establish compassionate guidelines and policies to allow display and removal of temporary street memorials being placed in the public right-of-way, being sensitive to the families grieving over their lost ones.

Currently, the City municipal code stipulates that all items blocking the public right-of-way must be immediately removed. While the Investigation and Enforcement Division of Bureau of Street Services and the Bureau of Sanitation do their best to be sensitive to the families in mourning, because of the ad hoc and temporary nature of these memorials, notification for removal can be difficult to achieve. We need a clear process to address the placement and removal of these memorials.

The motion instructs the Bureau of Street Services and the Bureau of Sanitation to report to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee on the establishment of policies and guidelines. Councilmember Cedillo will hear the issue in committee.

FIELD UPDATE

State of the Union Address at Red Shield



(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Tuesday Councilmember Cedillo attended the Salvation Army Red Shield State of the Union address viewing party. Channel 7 was on hand to capture Pico-Union's reaction to the President's speech, which covered the nation's progress, budget, economy, jobs, manufacturing, energy, immigration, and unemployment among other things.

Thien Hau Temple Chinese New Year Celebration



(Photo Credit: Kris Ortega)

Councilmember Cedillo was on hand to welcome the Chinese New Year. The Chinatown community gathered to welcome good health, prosperity, and harmony for the “Year of the Horse.” Thousands gathered at a local temple to make offerings to the deities, set off firecrackers to awaken the spirits, and burn incense to usher in good fortune for the New Year. Participants included lion dancers, Buddhist and Taoist monks, the heads of family associations, and many others from the Southern California Chinese community. This tradition takes place on the eve of Chinese New Year's Day (1/31/12).

Nobel Prize Winner Visits Hoover Street Elementary School



(Photo Credit: Ana Gomez)

On Thursday morning students of Hoover Street Elementary School received a visit from Nobel Prize Winner, writer and indigenous rights activist Rigoberta Menchu. Menchu shared with the students her struggle during the Guatemalan Civil War and encouraged them to share poems and art with her as a way of collaboration. The visit is just one part of a writing program that Hoover Street is creating for its 5th grade class.

NEWS UPDATE

Happy Year of the Horse

(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

Chinese New Year marks the beginning of the New Year according to the Chinese lunisolar calendar. This year the Chinese New Year is celebrated on January 31st. Each Chinese New Year, which is known as Spring Festival in China, is represented by one of 12 creatures. 2014 is the Year of the Horse. Several myths and traditions are associated with Chinese New Year, which is celebrated in countries across the globe. Those celebrations vary depending on geography, but a focus on family and food is a common theme of celebrants regardless of where they live.

This is Councilmember Cedillo's year, as he was born in the year of the horse.

Happy New Year!

Getting to Know Team Cedillo: Mel Ilomin

Name: Mel Ilomin

What do you do for CD1?

Director for Constituent Services

Where were you born and raised?

I was born and raised in Manila Philippines. I came here to the US on a student visa when I was 20. I was a foreign student attending UCLA.

How'd you get your start in Public Service?

I was very involved in student politics at UCLA. I served as Asian Coalition Director representing all the Asian Pacific American students in the student union and an active member of the Third World Coalition. After I finished law school at USC, there was a job opening for a field representative at then Senate President Pro Tem David Roberti's office in Hollywood. I guess that's when it all officially started. I remember my first day when I accompanied Senator Roberti to my first event, which was the groundbreaking for IKEA in Burbank. The year was 1989. I worked in the Philippines briefly and I went back to the Senate in 1993. My longest tenure in the state legislature was with Gil. I was with him when he first got elected to the Assembly in 1998 up to his final term in 2012. I am still with him here in the City. I'm proud of that.

Favorite place to visit in CD1?

My favorite place will always be the Glassell Park Community and Senior Citizen Center. Everyone is so friendly here and the seniors never fail to inspire. A diverse group of seniors; Filipino, Latino and Caucasian, from 60 to 90 years old, never fail to inspire. To be active and involved in dancing, yoga and one's community at such a late stage in your life, is the way to go.

It just so happens that I work at my favorite place three times a week. Life couldn't be better.

What's the best kept secret in CD1?

That's why it is the best kept secret, I won't tell you.

What is your favorite P.E.A.C.E. issue are and why?

I have always agreed with the notion that once we made our environment and surroundings clean for everyone, then all else like Public Safety, Economic Development, Arts and Culture should follow.

If you could solve one major issue in CD1 what would it be?

As I mentioned previously, it all starts with a clean environment. The people who find this notion too simplistic are those that have not dealt with the issue first hand, like I do. Cleaning CD 1 is more than picking up the trash, community clean-ups and public outreach, it is teaching a life concept much similar to a culture. The only proof of your success is whether the culture is passed through generations. To be part of a life changing process, especially the beginning, would be an opportunity for those who always wanted to make a difference.

Being able to contribute at your most favorite place at CD1, that's when life is really good.

What do people not know about you?

I am a musician and part time comedian. Please don't judge me.

At Your Service: LA City Department of Aging



(Photo Credit: LADOA)

City of Los Angeles Department of Aging helps seniors 60 & older and their family members who assist them to learn more about food, transportation, recreational programs, & receive your free File of Life, please call 1-800-510-2020.

Attain CERT Training



Councilmember Cedillo and Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council invite you to get free training by the City of Los Angeles Fire Department to become a member of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Classes start March 4th, 2014

To enroll and reserve your spot or for questions, contact: kandrade@elarcainc.org or at 323-223-3079.

*Students must complete all hours of the course to receive a certificate of completion.

UPCOMING EVENTS



115th Annual Chinatown Golden Dragon Parade
Saturday, February 1st
VIP Reception: 11:00 AM at GIA Apartments (Cesar Chavez/Broadway)
Parade: 12:00 PM (Hill/Oard)



CD1 Big Belly 50/50 Campaign Meeting
Wednesday, February 5th, 2014
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Glassell Park Senior Center
3750 Verdugo Road

Los Angeles, CA 90065



Urban Wildlife Meeting
Tuesday, February 4th, 2014
6:30 PM
Ramona Hall
4580 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90065



Free Income Tax Preparation And Family Resource Fair
Saturday, February 8th, 2014
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM
California State University, Los Angeles
Salazar Hall
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032



Legal Citizenship Workshop
Saturday February 8th, 2014
Appointments Available from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Ramona Hall Community Center
4580 N. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90065
(213)385-7800 X152
asantos@carecen-la.org

L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 5/10K Run/Walk & Bike Ride
Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM
Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 8:00 AM
943 North Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90032
www.firecracker10k.org

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